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SUBJECT:DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE FOR TRAINING OF
NIGERIAN MILITARY PERSONNEL

1. FOLLOWING SEVERAL ATTEMPTS THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS TO
COLLECT FOR TRAINING SOLD TO NIGERIA 1972-1974, THE ARMY
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COMPTROLLER (CDA) REQUESTED ASSISTANCE FROM DOD.

SUBSEQUENT DOD/ISA CONTACT WITH U.S. ARMED SERVICES RE-
VEALED FOLLOWING STATUS OF PAYMENTS FOR NIGERIAN TRAINING.

2. ARMY. A. U.S. ARMY INTERNATIONAL LOGISTICS CENTER (USAILC) LETTER 13 MAY 74 TO DATT NIGERIAN EMBASSY FORWARDED BILL LISTING CURRENT CHARGE \$8,260 PLUS PREVIOUS CHARGES \$256,294 LESS PAYMENT RECEIVED \$6,468 RESULTING IN BALANCE DUE \$249,826. B. USAILC LETTER, 11 JUN 74, TO DATT NIGERIAN EMBASSY REFERS TO 13 MAY 74 LETTER AND INVITES CONSULTATION WITH ILC TO RESOLVE ANY QUESTIONS O-BILLS OR DOCUMENTATION. C. USAILC LETTER 1 OCT 74 TO COMMANDER U.S. ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND (CDRUSAMC) RECAPITULATES BILLING CORRESPONDENCE AND REQUESTS ASSISTANCE. D. CDRUSAMC LETTER 5 NOV 74 TO USDAO LAGOS TRANSMITS COPY FMS CASE OAB FOR TRAINING DURING PERIOD 1 JUL 72 THROUGH 30 JUN 73 AND REQUESTS USDAO ASSIST USAILC IN

IN COLLECTING PAYMENT.

E. CDRUSAMC MESSAGE DTG 211958Z NOV 74 TO USDAO LAGOS WWITH USCINCEUR AS INFORMATION ADDRESSEE CONFIRMS DELINQUENCY IN AMOUNT \$249,826.

F. USAILC LETTER 7 FEB 75 TO DATT NIGERIAN EMBASSY TRANSMITS COPY FMS CASE OAC FOR TRAINING DURINGG PERIOD 1 JUL 73 THROUGH 30 JUN 74 AND REQUESTS PAYMENT FOR BOTH OAB AND OAC.

G. USAILC LETTER 26 MAR 75 TO DATT NIGERIAN EMBASSY REFERS TO EARLIER LETTERS AND REQUESTS REPLY AND PAYMENT.

H.FT. LEONARD WOOD LETTER, 7 APR 75, INDORSED BY COMMANDER TRAINING AND DOCTRINE COMMAND (CDRTRADOC) 16 APR 75 TO HQDA ATTACHES BILLS FOR FY 73, FY 74, AND FY 75 AND REQUESTS ASSISTANCE IN COLLECTING PAYMENT. LETTER POINTS OUT ADVERSE IMPACT ON FT. LEONARD WOOD BUDGET IMPOSED BY CONTINUING NIGERIAN INDEBTEDNESS.

I. COA BILLING SUMMARY GIVEN OASD/ISA 1 MAY 75 REFLECTS FOLLOWING:
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| CASE | FIRST BILLING | AMOUNT BILLED | RECEIVED |
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| OAB | JAN 73 | \$327,476 | 6,468 |
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| OAC | JUN 74 | \$167,052 | NONE |
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| OAD | FEB 75 | \$384,290 | NONE |
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TOTAL AMOUNT DELINQUENT - \$872,350

3. NAVY. A. FY 72FMS CASE TAA, \$3,630 BILLED AND \$8,230 PAID. B. FY 73 FMS CASE TAB, \$5,930 BILLED AND \$22,1000 PAID. C. FY 74 FMS CASE TAC, \$6,710

BILLED AND NONE PAID. D. FY 75 FMS CASE TAD, NONE
BILLED AND \$15,000 PAID. E. TOTAL BILLING \$16,270
AND TOTAL PAID \$45,330 RESULTS IN APPARENT OVER-PAYMENT
\$29,060.00.

4. AIR FORCE. A. 31 DEC 74 BALANCE DUE FROM PREVIOUS
BILLINGS WAS \$1,453,183. B. 31 MAR 75 BILLING TO DATT
NIGERIAN EMBASSY WAS \$2,905,000. C. 10 APR 75 PAYMENT
MADE BY DATT NIGERIAN EMBASSY WAS \$887,083. D. APPARENT
CURRENT BALANCE DUE IS \$2,017,917.00

5. CURRENT ARMY BALANCE DUE \$872,350 PLUS AIR FORCE

BALANCE DUE \$2,017,917 LESS NAVY \$29,060 OVER-PEYMENT
RESULTS IN APPARENT AGGREGATE BALANCE DUE \$2,861,207.

6. DOD/ISA AFRICA PRESENTED THE FOREGOING INFORMATION
TO 6 MAY 75 NIGERIAN AIR ATTACHE MAJOR ALIYU AND 19
MAY 75 TO NIGERIAN DEFENE ATTACHE COLONEL AISIDA.
MAJOR ALIYU CHARACTERIZED STATUS OF AIR FORCE PAYMENT
AS QUOTE CURRENT AND NORMAL UNQUOTE. COLONEL AISIDA
UNAWARE OF USAILC LETTERS SENT TO NIGERIAN EMBASSY,
PUZZLED OVER LACK OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN NAVY BILLINGS
AND PAYMENTS; AND PROMOSD TO RELAY INFORMATION TO
NIGERIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE FOR RESOLUTION. COLONEL
AISIDA EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT BULK OF FMS DETAILS WERE
TRANSACTIONED BETWEEN NIGERIAN MILITARY SERVICES AND USDAO
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LAGOS; THEREFORE, ASSUMED MONITORING AND PERIODIC
RECONCILIATION OF PAYMENTS ALSO ACCOMPLISHED BY SAME
OFFICES.

7. FOREGOING DATA SUGGESTS CURRENT SYSTEM FOR MONITORING
PAYMENTS IS NEITHER RESPONSIVE NOR PROTECTIVE OF U.S.
MILITARY SERVICE INTERESTS. DISARRAY OF NAVY PAYMENTS
LEAVES U.S. VULNERABLE TO CLAIM OF OVERCHARGING FOR
TRAINING ACTUALLY RECEIVED. INATTENTION TO ARMY BILLING
AND APPARENT CONTINUING UNPAID AIR FORCE BALANCE EX-
CEEDING \$1 MILLION IMPOSES UNJUSTIFIABLE BURDEN ON ARMY
AND USAF TRAINING ACTIVITIES WHICH MUST BUDGET ABOVE
REASONABLE LEVELS IN ORDER TO CARRY NIGERIAN INDEBTEDNESS.
REQUEST EMBASSY CONDUCT COMPLETE EXAMINATION OF ALL
NIGERIAN FMS TRAINING OFFERED/ACCEPTED/REJECTED OR
CANCELLED WITH OR WITHOUT COST PENALTY FOR FY 73, FY 74
AND FY 75, RECONCILE FINDINGS WITH APPROPRIATE NIGERIAN
AND ARRANGE TO LIQUIDATE NIGERIAN INDEBTEDNESS BY 30 JUN
75. FYI. AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO PRESENT NIGERIAN SYSTEM
OF SENDING FUNDS TO NIGERIAN ATTACHE OFFICE WASHINGTON
FOR SUBSEQUENT DISBURSEMENT TO US MILITARY SERVICES,
NIGERIAN CHECKS COULD BE MAILED VIA EMBASSY/DATT TO
FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING OFFICES OF EACH US MILITARY SER-

VICE: US ARMY INTERNATIONAL LOGISTICS CENTER, NEW
CUMBERLAND ARMY DEPOT 17070 PA; US NAVY INTERNATIONAL
LOGISTICS CONTROL CENTER, BAYONNE NJ 07002 AND US AIR
FORCE ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE CENTER, 3800 YORK ST.,
DENVER, COLO. 80205. SUCH A SYSTEM WOULD ALLOW EMBASSY
TO MONITOR PAYMENT PROCESS AT ITS SOURCE AND SHOULD
FACILITATE CORRELATION WITH TRAINING SCHEDULING
ACTIVITY. END FYI. INGERSOLL

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